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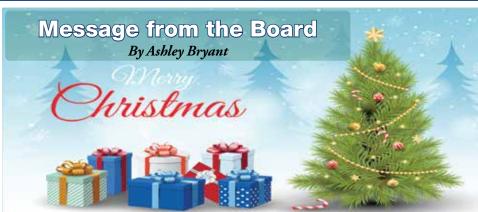
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This season is a time for giving and celebration. It is a time for reaching out to friends and family. We observe many family traditions this time of year and wish each and everyone in Encino Park a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season. Please enjoy family and friends and connect with neighbors, distant family and friends.

San Antonio has many wonderful and inspiring attractions this time of year. Be safe in traveling to these sites with your family. Take time to relax and cherish this precious time of year. Take a stroll downtown along the Riverwalk and enjoy the amazing lights and array of restaurants. Travel up north up 281 and visit the small town and see the lighting at the local court houses. Visit one of the theme parks and see them in the joys of the holiday season

There are so many ways to give this season. Reach out to neighbors that you haven't spoken to in years. Get to know one another and invite them over for dinner. Offer to help with simple tasks. Invite neighbors over for dinner or movie night.

Another way to give back to our community is to get involved with our various committees such as Pool, Park, Crime and Safety, EPIC, and Women's Club. You could even start your own community organization/club and meet at our community center.

There are so many ways to give a gift. This season isn't about spending the most money. It is about giving from the heart and reaching out to others. Let's all make this a true blessing for everyone in our community. Take time for one another and get involved. Let us know what we as a board can do to better your lives here in Encino Park. We are always looking for input from our residents and strive to do what is best for our community each and every day. Please join us at our monthly community meeting at our community center and give us your input on what we can do to continue making Encino Park a jewel of San Antonio.

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



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ENCINO PARK INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Past Events: Fall Fair and Chili Cook-off

The Encino Park Fall Fair and Chili Cook-off was an EPIC event! We want to thank everyone who helped make it such a fun and successful event.

First and foremost, a huge thank you to the over 250 attendees who came out for all the fun and also donated 4 full barrels of food and \$192 for the San Antonio Food Bank!

Special thanks to SA Police, SA Fire Station 46, Christine Engel and the San Antonio Food Bank, SA Curbside Eats food truck, Ashley Pitzer and Verterra Dinnerware, and Girl Scout Troop 764 for supporting our community! We are always grateful for the Gail Lamb Group and their relentless support, including sponsoring the Photo Booth, Michelle from Luna's Face Painting, and Sparky the Clown!

And of course, the many volunteers that worked so hard to make it a success:

Gail Lamb, Cara Jacobsen, Mandy Williamson, Jenn Smith, Laura Seale, DeLisa Leopold, Sunny Brown, Gordy Brown, Scott Robertson, Michelle Herr, Darren Krueger, Barbara Cowan, Ady Hamilton, Mason Williamson, and Ashley Pitzer.

Thank you to the Encino Park HOA for sponsoring the event and for all the participants in the Chili Cook-off and Blue Ribbon Competition. Congrats to all the winners! Check out the winners and their photos on page 4.

Upcoming Events!

Playdate in the Park - We continue to have a great turn out for this fun way to get out with your kids and meet new neighbors over drinks and snacks. **Second Saturday each month from 10:00-11:30.**

Holiday Movie Night in the Park - Heads up for an EP tradition! **December 2nd** will kick-off the holidays in Encino Park. That morning, The Women's Club is sponsoring their traditional visit with Santa, including holiday crafts and photos. At dark, we will be showing *The Grinch* to get everyone in the spirit of the holidays, with hot chocolate and popcorn provided!

Annual Holiday Lights Contest - It's time to get your holiday decorations up and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year! **Voting will take place from December 10th to the 18th, with winners announced on the 19th.** We are simplifying the process this year by just voting for your absolute favorite, and giving every member of your family the opportunity to cast their vote! Please see the ballot on page 10.

Facebook Page- Also, please join our new Facebook page Encino Park Involvement Committee to stay plugged in to all of the EPIC events we have planned for our community!

MOVIE NIGHT in the park

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
STARTS AT SUNDOWN
FREE POPCORN AND HOT COCOA







Encino Park Fall Fair and Chili Cook-off Winners

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Fall Fair and Chili Cook-off!

The Chili Cook-off winners were determined by a panel of judges through a blind taste test:

- 1st- Team Wooferburgtons
- · 2nd- Team Lamb
- · 3rd- Team Encino Cabin Culinarians

The Blue Ribbon Competition winners were chosen by popular vote among attendees:

Salsa

- 1st- Payton Pitzer
- · 2nd- Sunny Brown
- 3rd- Gordy Brown

Cookies

- 1st- Barbara Cowan
- · 2nd- Kelsey Wood
- 3rd- Katie Robertson (not pictured)

Cake

- · 1st- Owen George
- 2nd- Melissa Ling (not pictured)

Bread

- · 1st- Kallie Ferguson
- · 2nd- Scott Robertson
- · 3rd-Scott Robertson

Photography

- 1st- Gordy Brown
- 2nd- Sunny Brown
- · 3rd- Doug Bock

Cornhole Tournament Champions

· Chris Burger and Steve Long





















ENCINO PARK WOMENS' CLUB By Donna Morton

DECEMBER 2023

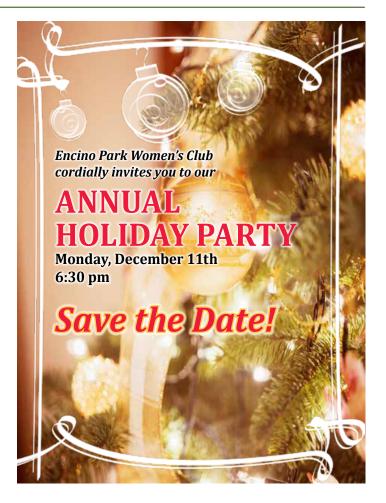
Our December, the absolute favorite meeting, will be on Monday, December 11 @ 6:30 pm. It will be our annual *Holiday Dinner and Auction*. This year it will be hosted by **Sunny Brown** at her home here in Encino Park, 2311 Encino Cliff.. The Holiday Party is such a favorite because we get to dress up a bit, dine on great recipes brought by all who come, sip a little wine (or not), and raise money for a Women's/Children Charity that is selected that evening by all in attendance. We want to invite all women of Encino Park as we celebrate the Holidays! We look forward to a great gathering full of Holiday Spirit!

Here's to a Wonderful New Year 2024!

WONDERS & WORRIES

Nonprofit Provides professional mental health support for teens and children through a family illness. DeAnna Smith, program director, CCLS (Encino Park resident) will bring

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SAN ANTONIO

Christmas is quickly approaching and for those who have lost their wages, who need food, and who have no place to call home, need hope and could use our help.







Here are some ways you can help:

- **Provide Holiday meals** \$50 provides a hot holiday meal for a family of four.
- Become a Volunteer to ring a bell
- Volunteer to help with the Angel Tree Program
- **Adopt Angels for Christmas**
- Host a virtual Kettle fundraiser



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this important information on Monday, January 8 at 7pm. As always, we will have a light supper that will be served at 7 when you arrive. After a short business meeting we will welcome DeAnna to share her message. You may not need this service at this time, but to know there is a resource for you or a friend or neighbor could be a gift you could share.

Out to Lunch



Happy Holidays, everyone!

The Out-to-Lunch group will take this month off since there are so many other Christmas and holiday gatherings and festivities going on. We will resume in January, so watch for this article in the January newsletter to see where and when we will be going.

In October, seven of us dined at Tomatillo's. We had a wonderful time, with everyone enjoying the food they ordered. We had lively conversations, and our service was excellent. Thank you to Laura Zuniga for selecting that restaurant and making the arrangements.



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EP future meeting dates and events:

Sat., Dec. 2nd @ night **EP Movie Night** in the park

Sat., Dec. 2nd 10am-12pm **EP Santa Visit!**

EP Community Center

Sun-Thurs., Dec. 10-18 **EP Light Contest**

Mon., Dec. 11th 6:30 pm

EP Holiday Dinner/Auction!

Mon., Jan. 8th 7:00 pm **Wonders and Worries**

If you have questions about the club, call Nancy Thomas @ 210-410-7614.





Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

The Season is here! A special guest will be available for pictures on:

December 8th, 10th, 15th, and 16th

from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

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If you are the "Go-To Person" for your street, please think about becoming the Block Captain, Co-Block Captain, or "Neighborhood Ambassador" for your street or block of Encino Park! Here are the streets that currently do not have any coverage:

- Encino Brook (19602-19734)
- Encino Brook (19810-19911)
- · Encino Cabin
- Encino Cliff (2136-2202)
- Encino Crest
- · Encino Crossing
- · Encino Crown
- Encino Gap
- Encino Rio (1706-1726)
- · Encino Rock
- Encino Royale (19918-19967)
- Encino Spur
- · Encino Valley
- Encino Valley Circle

If your street is not listed, please consider becoming a Co-Block Captain. Most of our Encino Park Block Captains are covering more than 1 street and would love the help! Reach out to us today. Together we make our community a safe and great place to live!

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OVER 50 CLUB

Submitted by Dalia Benzick

At our November meeting, with a theme of "Thanks for the Memories", we honored our former members that started this group and are not able to be with us. They have our deepest respect and gratitude.

For December, we are planning a festive holiday potluck lunch on **December 5th** and an informal "just games and fun" on the **19th**. Our members truly appreciate the joyful and noisy fellowship we share.

And we love getting out of the house! Over 50 extends its warm wishes for peace and joy to our Encino Park neighbors and friends. For you and your loved ones, may Happiness bloom where seeds of Love and Joy are planted.

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

Do you ever wonder where some of the articles come from in our newsletter? Most come the various committee leaders or from the HOA Board Members. But others are from a stockpile of fillers from out vault-crosswords, recipes, etc. Residents look forward to the newsletter every month and you, as a resident, are more than welcome to add an article. Maybe you have some insight on landscaping, or you know of a great restaurant in the area you recommend. Or maybe you just have a new recipe you found or a feel-good story you want to share. It's fun to have writings published. Join the fun!

Articles are due to the office (contact@encinoparkhoa. com) by the 5th of every month and will be published the following month. For example, everything you're reading in this newsletter was written and turned in by November 5th.

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Faith Bush	14	210-323-6708	Pet sitting, house sitting (12/23)
Grace Bush	18	210-323-6708	Babysitting, house sitting (12/23)
Joseph Bush	16	210-323-6708	Lawn mowing, dog walking
Javier Garido	17	210-997-0771	Lawn mowing, pet sitting, car wash, weed eating (3/23)
Erin Heilbrun	16	210-801-5288	Babysitting, pet sitting, dog walking, house sitting (2/23)
Maggie Micklitz	17	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting (8/23)
Clayton Micklitz	15	210-410-2990	Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, lawn mowing, power washing (8/23)
Vincent Prusinsky	18	210-722-5545	Lawn mowing, trim hedges, weed eating, power washing services, pet sitting, dog walking (12/22)
Caleb Schoellhorn	14	210-996-9163	Lawn maintenance (10/23)

Teen Service listings are free to all Encino Park residents under nineteen (19) years of age. Ads will run for one year, unless the advertiser calls and requests renewal. To add, remove, or edit your ad, call 210-558-3160 or email Ariel@neighborhoodnews.com. Please put "Encino Park Resident" in the subject line.





It Takes A Village



For those of you who have Facebook and are linked to the MASO (Moms Around Stone Oak) or the Forest Village Facebook pages, you probably had the chance to follow the saga of Yellow Dog, the lost lab puppy. Anna Panter happened upon Yellow Dog on October 21. Another

neighbor found him on Encino Brook and Encino Royale and Anna stopped to check in on them. Being the kind soul that she is, she took Yellow Dog to her house, thinking he was just lost. But no one in the neighborhood responded to her "Lost Dog" post and she reached out to the community for help because she had events that evening, I took Yellow Dog for the night and so began our friendship of swapping and taking care of him.

The events that happened after that were amazing. Our neighborhod truly showed their compassion, both for the dog and for our neighbors. For almost four weeks, Yellow Dog had sleepovers, met so many different kinds of dogs and people, he had playdates, he went on car rides, he was taken on walks and he became an internet sensation. We had his photos plastered all over social media from Texas to Washington DC and yet, even though we knew he would have been the prefect dog for someone, no one came forward. One day Anna was sick and I was at work so we sent out a plea for help and another friend took him in for the afternoon so Anna could rest. Then another friend, in a different neighborhood, offered respite for the two of us (both of our dogs could only handle a few days at a time of his insane lab puppy energy) and kept him through Halloween and the cold spell.

With the shelters full and ACS refusing to take larger than 20 pound animals (or they would be euthanized in three days), we continued to post and connect with rescues around the state. That led to connections with Washington DC rescues who would actually pay for his transport to another sate, if a forever home was found. The more we learned about he poor animals left behind, dumped, forgotten, we stood even more firm that Yellow Dog would NOT be one of those. He had too much love to give.

As my husband started to weaken and my kids (my daughter especially fell in love with this giant puppy (we think he'll be about 110 pounds when he's fully grown), we received a call from someone who'd seen our posts through a friend and she had someone very interested. The next day, a beautiful family of four (an 11 year old boy and a 4 year old girl) came to the house and Yellow Dog chose his forever family. He sweetly said goodbye to us and trotted into their car, following the little boy, and stretched out across the two kids... relieved and joyful.

I will not lie and tell you we didn't cry. We loved that dog, as did everyone who came across him. But now, he is Atlas (the god of endurance and strength) an wil be able to grow up and be loved by his own family.

Thank you, Encino Park, and all of our surrounding neighbors. You truly are a blessing and gave Anna and me a whole new outlook on how amazing people can be.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!



Question: I noticed the diving boards at the pool have been removed. Did the board decide to get rid of them?

Answer: Thank you for asking; the quick answer is no. What you have seen is Keith Zars Pools has been contracted by the HOA Board of Directors to remove the old diving boards (over 20 years old) and put in brand new diving boards that will last for at least a few decades!

One of the reasons the diving boards had to be completely removed was because there were some electrical connections directly below the taller of the two boards, and that is not safe or up to current building codes.

We as a board know that the pool is one of the main amenities in our community and will continue to treat it as such.

Happy Holidays, The Encino Park HOA Board of Directors

Key Card Update

Encino Park amenities (basketball courts, tennis courts, pool and outside pool restrooms) can be accessed with just one card. If you have any key card issues, please contact the

HOA Office at 210-497-3022 or stop by during office hours, Monday and Friday 9-2 or Wednesday, 12-6 and we can get a new card for you. Replacement cards are \$10, the office only accepts checks or money orders, no cash or credit cards.



Just a friendly reminder we usually get our 1st freeze around Thanksgiving.

Potted plants: consider bringing them inside for the holidays to save them from a freezing death!

- Bulbs in pots do well covered with blanketts & snuggled up against your south-facing house foundation.
- Delicate plants like Spiders/ Airplane plants in pots or baskets or AloeVera should come in.
 - » When possible, place them by a window, add plant-grow bulbs in floor lamps and overhead light fixtures! If your floor is wood or carpet, lay down some plastic to catch accidental watering spills.





Voting will take place from December 10th thru the 18th, with winners announced on the 19th.

Simply cast your vote for BEST LIGHTS IN ENCINO PARK by writing down the address of your favorite light display below. Each member of your family is encouraged to vote for their personal favorite! So make it a family outing, and get out to see all the wonderful lights in our community!!

Please provide your name and address:				
Family Name:				
Address:				
Family Member Name	Address of BEST LIGHTS Vote			

After you have completed your ballot, please drop it off at the Community Center Drop Box by 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 19th

The TOP 5 will be recognized with a yard sign so plan a second family outing to go check out the winners beginning on December 19th!





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As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

 Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or brokem cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.





Lemon Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs or 4 large chicken breasts, boneless and skinless
- 1 large lemon zested
- · 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- Ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3/4 cup chicken stock low sodium
- · 2 large garlic cloves minced or grated
- · 3 tbsp butter unsalted
- · Parsley or lemon slices, for garnish

Directions: Slice each chicken breast in half lengthwise and season with salt and pepper. In a shallow plate add flour. Preheat non-stick skillet on medium heat and add 2 tsp of oil. Dredge chicken in flour on both sides and add to the skillet. Cook chicken for 4-5 minutes on each side and transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining chicken, adding more oil as necessary. Add 1 tbsp butter and garlic, saute for 20 seconds, stirring often. Add chicken stock, lemon zest and juice, 2 more thsp of butter and bring to a boil while scraping the bottom. Cook for 2 minutes. Add chicken back to the skillet and spoon lemon butter sauce over it. Garnish with parsley or lemon slices.



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